

"Say, the advocates of woman's suffrage appear to have what they want," smiled Tom J. McMurray.

Card from Mrs. Lorena Barker at the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, says: "I'm having a wonderful trip. The canyon is a wonder. I go from here to California, on to Salt Lake City, by Denver, then on home to start teaching again."

"I like my new home and we have some of the finest people on earth," remarked M. B. Smith, editor of the Farmersville Times, her last week on a visit to friends and relatives. "I see the old Messenger continues its lead in the newspaper field of north Texas."

"Late reports say Mr. Rogers was defeated in his race for senator from the San Antonio district," remarked Howard Man, son-in-law of Mr. Rogers. "It seems that it was conceded that he would be the winner late in the day, but a turn took place in the final reports and he was counted out. It was a close race, we hear, and we may hear more about it in a few days."

Sam Pavillard of the Boyd community, was in town Tuesday, bringing two crates of the famous Honey Ball cantaloupes. "Brought these along just to show you people what we are doing down in the great Boyd community raising Honey Balls. We will ship something like forty carloads of the melons, and the demand will be greater than the supply. The melons are selling readily at \$1.25 per crate."

"Was in Bowie a day last week," stated Jack Rieger, chairman of the committee on entertainments for the Joe Wheeler park reunion, "and I got some good news from some of the most prominent business men in that town. They told me that Decatur was one of the best advertised towns in the state, and were loud in their compliments for the work done by our local chamber of commerce. Why, we have one of the best, all round towns in Texas, if we only will come alive and appreciate what we have."

W. D. Phillips, who was a candidate for public weigher against Jess Davenport, called at the Messenger office Tuesday, and in conversation with a Messenger representative, said: "We had a great race, with plenty of fun. I want to thank my friends who assisted me in the race and at the same time I want those fellows who voted against me to know that I have nothing but the best feelings for them. Jess and I had a merry race, and he won. No sore spots, and we are still friends." Phillips is a good citizen, and a good loser.

"Do you know the appearance of the Messenger attracts compliments from the big ones in the newspaper world," said Homer L. Holliday, proof-reader on the Fort Worth Record, visiting here the other day. "My copy of the Messenger was on the desk when one of the editors of the Record passed thru the room. He picked it up, gave it an inspection and remarked, 'That is some country weekly, Mr. Holliday; one of the most attractive country papers I have seen since I have been in the state.' I told the gentleman I learned the trade on the Messenger."

"I hear considerable complaint about our water," stated a Decatur citizen to a Messenger reporter one day this week. "The water users are saying it smells bad and in their opinion it is filthy. A number of Decatur citizens are boiling water they drink, and another part of the users have purchased filters to be used in their homes." Messenger understands that Secretary Cates has been asked to send a sample of the water to the state chemist in Austin and get a report on its purity. The water in the lake is low, but no alarm is felt that the supply will run short.

During his visit to Decatur last week, the honorable C. V. Terrell, state treasurer, volunteered the following statement concerning Decatur College: "Being familiar with the splendid work that Decatur College has done, and having had a son and a daughter that graduated there, I will say that is one of the best, if not the very best, junior college in Texas. Knowing that Dr. and Mrs. Ward will carefully look after every young man and young lady that attends the college, I am certain that if I had another son or daughter to educate, I would send them to Decatur College, without regard to where I lived."

PRIMARY BRINGS HEAVY VOTE

Changes in Commissioners' Court; Ward and Workman Re-elected; Coffee Sweeps the Field

One of the largest votes ever cast in Wise county was polled in Saturday's primary election, following one of the most intensive campaigns that has been conducted by candidates in the county in many years. Very little public speaking was indulged in by the aspirants, but a close, in many instances, a house-to-house canvass was made. Some bitterness was injected into the campaigns, and the usual eleventh-hour story came out. A number of voters were more intent on defeating a certain candidate than they were about electing a particular candidate, and on the day

of election a number switched when informed that the man they were supporting was not in the running, and if "So-and-So" was to be defeated their votes should go to So-and-So. In the sheriff's race, the opposition to Sheriff Workman was busy all along the line, but there was not enough damage done to break the officer's ranks, and he came thru with a splendid majority, which, when officially tabulated, may run above two-to-one. D. B. Gilliland, running for county judge, against Judge Ward, made a good showing, but the incumbent's major-

ity is substantial. Neither Judge Ward nor Sheriff Workman made an active campaign for re-election, and their friends conducted the fight against the opposing forces.

W. C. Cunningham, ex-district clerk, opposing C. C. Henderson, incumbent, for justice of the peace, made a run-away race, defeating Mr. Henderson by a large majority. Mr. Henderson, who was appointed by the commissioners' court to fill the unexpired term of Squire Taylor, deceased, did not make an active campaign for re-election, stating in a letter to the voters just before the

election that the duties of the office prevented him from going out and making a house-to-house canvass.

In the state senator's race, Coffee swept the field, defeating Mr. Rice, his Wise county opponent, and the present holder of the office, by a heavy vote. Coffee ran second in the other counties in the district, and with the candidates leading in their home counties, the Wise county victor looks like a winner in the district with Miller of Parker county second. The contest for tax assessor drew as strong as any other race in the free-for-all, and when the race nar-

rowed down between Lee Clement and George Matheson in the tail-end count of votes the candidates and their friends were on their toes, and it required the last counted vote to tell the tale. Matheson is conceded to be the nominee by a scant seventy-odd votes.

Jess Davenport and W. D. Phillips, candidates for public weigher of precinct No. 1, staged a merry race, and it was Monday evening before the result was known. The gentlemen, life-long friends and neighbors,

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	N. Decatur	S. Decatur	Stidell	Greenwood	Dan	Audubon	Pella	Nichol	Alford	Park Springs	Crafton	Chico	Bridgport	Prairie Point	Willow Point	Boonsville	Paradise	Cottondale	Gavins	Keeter	Draco	Opal	Briar	Newark	Rhine	Anvora	Boyd	Balsora	Allison	Blewett	Red Willow	TOTAL
For Governor:																																
Thomas D. Barton	37	42	3	92	4	2	1	1	11	0	7	8	20	6	0	3	6	2	1	1	3	0	0	1	8	2	2	0	0	0	1	251
Joe Burkett	7	18	3	1	0	11	1	3	10	3	1	2	5	5	5	2	6	9	1	0	0	0	1	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
V. A. Collins	15	38	4	5	1	5	0	1	12	0	3	5	19	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	6	2	0	0	0	2	128
Lynch Davidson	118	185	20	22	3	5	2	1	74	23	3	49	57	12	19	15	21	12	12	6	7	3	14	18	27	79	4	6	2	10	779	
Whit Davidson	145	231	32	92	36	51	5	18	39	3	104	132	19	21	38	60	51	15	19	23	27	2	5	24	24	25	19	5	25	1149		
George W. Dixon	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	24
Miriam Ferguson	37	44	4	20	11	6	4	6	41	17	2	19	28	3	5	9	12	14	10	4	3	7	5	10	14	19	6	4	10	8	334	
W. E. Pope	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	6	5	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
Felix D. Robertson	52	152	7	37	0	7	2	8	100	4	58	167	253	14	11	16	106	10	9	0	7	0	1	4	36	29	3	1	5	10	1063	
For Lieutenant Governor:																																
W. C. Edwards	263	472	59	85	32	30	6	10	168	36	20	203	309	47	30	36	147	33	23	7	23	1	10	13	93	132	19	10	14	26	2189	
Wallace Malone	25	33	4	12	4	4	2	2	24	12	6	23	48	2	14	8	16	10	5	1	3	5	12	11	36	14	7	2	1	7	331	
John G. McCall	6	14	2	4	2	2	0	1	10	1	48	15	29	3	2	1	6	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	2	2	152	
Barry Miller	121	173	16	60	19	50	7	20	108	32	10	96	108	10	18	44	32	34	11	21	12	30	3	5	19	14	10	15	8	19	1002	
For Attorney General:																																
J. M. Nelson	32	45	9	15	10	6	2	2	31	15	4	47	42	10	14	6	27	1	2	0	3	0	5	4	12	5	6	2	4	13	351	
Dan Moody	189	313	19	64	22	42	4	21	138	43	9	138	156	22	24	46	87	63	18	18	24	32	4	7	24	94	13	11	3	24	1439	
John C. Wall	162	196	25	35	17	23	5	6	58	11	11	54	91	7	16	12	15	8	12	1	7	0	7	9	41	21	11	5	11	12	762	
Edward B. Ward	67	128	20	41	7	10	4	5	61	13	48	76	185	12	13	16	72	11	14	3	7	3	7	9	39	34	7	0	3	12	964	
For Comptroller:																																
O. D. Baker	13	21	2	1	0	1	1	2	12	5	4	36	12	2	3	1	59	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	8	4	1	0	1	4	288	
Tom Bell	118	216	33	61	32	54	7	21	108	39	8	118	152	26	28	44	56	27	19	17	14	27	13	19	36	61	16	9	8	19	1132	
Pat Moulden	121	205	15	43	5	1	0	1	32	6	4	26	39	6	4	11	16	4	4	1	3	0	3	2	25	18	4	4	9	5	579	
A. J. Smith	39	90	8	10	2	11	0	6	67	11	8	65	83	10	15	8	20	10	8	1	7	0	4	6	21	45	7	2	1	4	534	
Don F. Smith	8	18	0	3	5	1	0	1	19	4	1	8	12	2	4	3	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	9	7	12	1	2	1	1	197	
S. M. Terrell	91	106	17	31	7	8	2	2	46	16	6	47	79	5	5	13	30	24	7	3	4	4	4	5	20	13	6	6	1	17	497	
For Commissioner of Agriculture:																																
R. E. Sparkman	207	414	57	29	23	10	20	201	48	58	185	296	26	42	45	148	41	34	8	18	4	13	24	81	72	21	15	29	1687			
G. B. Terrell	171	257	21	67	27	54	4	15	107	37	17	366	160	25	18	36	48	30	7	11	17	26	4	9	34	89	13	10	26	1744		
For Land Commissioner:																																
J. E. Binkley	196	281	22	70	13	25	6	14	75	33	15	143	179	24	39	31	101	23	15	3	15	5	3	11	32	82	21	8	21	1305		
J. T. Robinson	121	222	26	44	80	50	5	17	140	37	50	114	168	17	15	39	63	27	13	15	11	24	2	6	27	17	7	7	17	1204		
Will L. Sargent	73	142	22	40	11	6	4	5	85	9	8	49	102	8	8	13	30	16	12	4	9	6	17	13	58	60	7	7	16	772		
For Railroad Commissioner—Six-Year Term:																																
C. E. Gilmore	177	303	28	31	15	20	4	3	70	17	11	81	136	16	24	18	47	20	10	3	18	3	2	11	39	54	6	11	3	19	1172	
J. C. Mason	57	68	11	27	8	1	3	5	51	10	10	0	68	12	8	9	30	9	8	1	18	1	1	3	23	25	6	2	3	8	405	
E. C. Weaver	156	281	28	90	29	55	8	24	158	46	51	168	253	21	28	54	107	34	24	17	16	27	1	15	55	78	21	12	17	26	1565	
For Railroad Commissioner—Four-Year Term:																																
W. A. Nabors	79	116	6	20	5	4	5	1	19	8	19	51	107	2	10	7	68	10	10	0	5	1	0	3	13	13	2	5	2	7	573	
Lon A. Smith	74	141	16	35	20	43	3	19	101	24	9	90	71	17	11	32	33	18	4	11	10	28	2	3	28	22	7	9	5	10	768	
R. E. Speer	212	357	41	86	25	25	7	13	186	33	28	138	234	32	35	35	76	24	20	7	14	1	17	22	66	117	20	9	12	34	1792	
J. M. West	32	31	5	12	4	0	21	9	6	26	38	2	5	6	15	5	8	0	4	2	2	2	1	8	4	2	1	3	4	243		
For Chief Justice Supreme Court:																																
R. H. Buck	160	296	33	75	21	36	9	12	138	34	20	131	240	16	31	53	71	34	24	16	19	25	20	21	63	124	13	15	13	36	1657	
C. M. Cureton	138	216	19	30	15	16	3	7	61	7	3	52	59	14	17	5	22	13	6	1	6	3	2	2	28	19	10	3	4	4	738	
W. C. Wear	86	154	18	37	15	23	2	18	69	41	52	168	158	22	14	20	94	14	10	4	9	0	1	8	27	18	11	4	8	14	1042	
For State Senator:																																
Roy C. Coffee	281	444	35	146	52	45	10	17	218	56	20	181	275	41	50	63	198	50	21	25	33	8	20	30	61	38	140	39	18	17	35	2661
R. R. Tribble	37	80	12	30	2	32	1	7	39	22	1	77	23	7	2	17	10	32	13	4	8	25	1	0	7	4	14	2	9	1	12	531
R. L. Cable	15	8	5	9	1	1	1	6	1	3	2	25	3	3	2	1	2	5	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	98
Eugene Miller	11	15	1	3	2	1	0	12	2	2	24	21	11	3	8	6	5	7	4	1	3	0	0	0	8	2	9	0	1	0	6	148
W. H. Rice	107	222	16	29	9	5	2	13	73	8	54	68	210	10	7	12	42	17	12	7	4	0	5	8	62	6	18	8	0	8	8	990
For County Representative:																																
H. G. Woodruff	281	492	19	46	24	36	9	16	196	43	50	193	369	31	46	57	185	46	21	16	40	11	17	28	70	33	138	42	6	11	30	2616
J. R. Pruett	153	210	51	167	38	50	6	17	150	44	24	142	146	30	21	42	64	63	36	24	9	26	7	7	64	23	42	7	21	15	30	1724
For County Judge:																																
D. B. Gilliland	249	346	79	119	35	44	2	18	91	43	10	189	163	35	35	70	55	85	28	32	32	29	12	9	40	27	51	34	14	11	12	2027
S. M. Ward	209	433	59	112	30	50	14	24	317	48	69	163	375	31	33	38	177	22	27	7	19	8	12	27	107	31	125	14	14	15	15	2643
For Sheriff:																																
Walter Wood	179	232	19	96	23	46	8	20	148	59	30	94	131	22	17	21	76	78	40	31	23	27	11	26	64	37	58	24	12	16	14	1680
W. M. Workman	277	546	61	132	43	47	8	21	245	33	54	273	413	44	56	87	180	39	20	8	29	12	14	11	92	24	118	34	21	12	24	2998
For Tax Assessor:																																
Lee Clement	183	180	41	174	46	51	4	28	122	20	3	51	66	22	8	3	10	25	10	3	3	12	1	4	11	5	6	2	18	7	14	1123
J. D. Denney	9	9	1	3	3	3	2	3	54	12	12	141	67	26	2	3	12															

JESS GETTYS WINS IN COOKE COUNTY

Attorney Jess Gettys of Gainesville, was in the city Wednesday. He won out in his contest for the county attorneyship in Cooke county, defeating his opponent by a good vote. Gettys was unhorsed two years ago for this office in a contested suit, in which, it was claimed, much prejudice and trickery were used in opposition to him. In the contest a box was thrown out, which lost the election for the former Wise county man. This time Gettys came back strong and won out.

EXTENSION SERVICE EXPERT EXPLAINS DAIRY INDUSTRY.

The dairy industry of the state of Texas is just at the point where it must lapse into lethargy or take a long step in a forward direction, depending on whether dairymen stake their all on an increased price to the producer and continue production by such poor methods and poor quality of cows; or whether they recognize and act on the fact that improvements can be made at the farm that will have a greater influence on the "profit and loss" column than anything that can be done on the markets by way of increasing prices.

If dairymen will not take steps to improve the quality of their cows and do not try to feed balanced rations and feed according to their production; if they persist in buying feeds that could better be produced on the farm; and if cows are forced to take long trips to the open fields on bad days in search of a little roughage, milk must be produced at such a cost that no consuming public will not pay a price that will allow the producer a profit above cost-of-production. There is no question about it.

It ought to be the first ambition of every dairyman to become a dairy farmer; to own or have control of sufficient land to raise roughage that his cows can consume and in some sections, a larger portion of grain; to grow these roughages in variety, with a large per cent of legumes; by the liberal supply of legumes in the ration of a dairy cow, it is a well known fact that the ration of grain can be materially reduced from the amount that is generally used, which in most cases the cost of production would be more economical. Legumes of some kind will grow on practically every farm in the state, and it is far better to grow a liberal supply at home, than to pay freight and the dealer's profit on those grown at some distant point. Raise legumes on the farm and feed them liberally and the cow on the dairy will respond at the pail.

There is little question but that about one-third of the dairy cows of Texas are kept at a loss to their owners; that if one-third could be eliminated from the herds, and the remainder given better care and attention, the profits would be greater at the present time. Very few men are sure just what one-third of their herd should be removed. It becomes necessary then, if one is to proceed intelligently, to secure milk-production records and to determine by tests of the fat production of each cow in the herd. This work is generally neglected because of the time it will take, but in the end it will prove a time-saver as it will cause the dairyman returns. Knowing the amount that each cow is able to produce will cause any man to feed more nearly according to production. By this system of feeding, the production of a herd cannot only be kept higher but often at less expense for feed than when all cows are fed alike. Records disclose the fact that some cows will produce dollars in profit, while others produce only a few cents.

It should be the aim of every dairyman to have a better producing herd of cows this year than he had five years ago, or even last year, but how is the herd to be improved year to year? Surely not by going into the open field and picking up cows, because the improvement there is too little to enable one to appreciably improve his herd year to year by this method. The work must be done by using better bulls, and keeping the heifers from the best cows. It is often said that a calf drinks so much milk that the cost of raising is prohibitive, but if a heifer can be raised that will produce a thousand pounds of milk per year, more than will be produced by the average pounds, net, more than she drank, more than would have been produced by the purchased cow. It is therefore a mistake to kill heifers sired by good bulls from good producing cows.

By using good bulls and saving the heifers from the best cows, uniform appearing and producing herds can be developed, which in the end will prove to be much more profitable than maintaining a herd by buying cows.

- 1.—Market co-operatively.
- 2.—Keep surplus milk off the whole milk market.
- 3.—Dairy farm; raise a large percentage of the feed needed.
- 4.—Cull the herds. Don't keep boarder-cows.
- 5.—Raise better heifers to maintain and build up herds.

Iron and steel rust causes damage estimated at three billion dollars in the United States annually.

Scholars estimate that at the end of the present century the population of the United States will be between 175,000,000 and 240,000,000.

BAPTISTS REPORT ON MONEY DISTRIBUTED

DETAILED STATEMENT AS TO WHERE 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN COLLECTIONS HAVE GONE IS ISSUED

USE DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Agency Nearest Local Churches Will Be Employed in Bringing About Fuller Development in Future Program



DR. C. E. BURTS
General Director, 1925 Program,
Southern Baptists.

Indicating the objects to which the money collected on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign goes, the headquarters of that movement in Nashville has issued the following statement of the distribution of the \$53,377,034.43, representing the revised figures on the sum collected on that movement up to May 1, 1924: Foreign missions \$9,898,830.30; home missions \$5,757,820.09; state and associational missions \$9,093,749.27; Christian education \$14,849,083.51; hospitals \$2,872,692.43; orphanages \$4,464,965.37; ministerial relief \$1,570,356.94; expenses and fixed charges not otherwise absorbed \$2,091,698.56; special credits and miscellaneous items \$1,590,990.47; purchase and operation of state denominational papers \$62,200.38; foreign relief \$67,602.16; undistributed balance \$152,330.77; Home Mission Board specials \$15,340; Foreign Mission Board specials \$86,103; raised by churches on foreign fields and expended by them in work there \$1,003,390.68.

All Work Goes Forward

Every department of the general missionary, educational and benevolent work fostered by Southern Baptists has been greatly enlarged and strengthened by the campaign. It is reported, while a suggestion of the development that has come in the activities and liberality of the local churches as a result of this forward movement is furnished in the following statement of progress along general lines, furnished by the headquarters office:

Comparing the growth of the denomination during the five years preceding the Campaign with the five years since that program was projected it is shown that during the last five years the following advances were recorded over the previous corresponding period: 1562 more new churches organized, a gain of 229 per cent; 241,966 more new members gained, an advance of 66 per cent; 209,002 more baptisms administered, a gain of 27 per cent; 1,603 more new Sunday schools organized, a gain of 118 per cent; 354,727 more new Sunday school pupils enrolled, a gain of 132 per cent; \$35,036,970.83 more reported in gifts to missions and benevolences, a gain of 187 per cent; \$51,153,873.88 more noted in gifts to local church purposes, a gain of 95 per cent; \$84,417,361.55 more reported in gifts to all causes, a gain of 117 per cent; and \$67,147,004 advance shown in the value of local church property, a gain of \$1 per cent.

Complete Collections Now

In the hope of completing the collection of all Campaign subscriptions by the close of this year and securing cash offerings from those Baptists who did not subscribe to the five-year program an intensive effort during the remainder of the summer and fall will be waged throughout the South under the general leadership of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, general director, with the co-operation of the various state mission offices and the officers and workers in the nearly 1,600 district associations. It is planned that the interests of the denomination shall be adequately set forth at all of these associations in their annual meetings in the hope that the delegates to the associations will in turn carry the message back to their local churches and secure the co-operation of these churches in fully completing the Campaign program so as to clear the way for the next forward program, beginning January 1, 1925.

Dr. C. E. Burts, former general secretary of the Baptist work in South Carolina, has assumed his duties as general director of the 1925 program and announces that he believes the program for next year can be most successfully launched by the satisfactory completion of the 75 Million Campaign during the remaining months of 1924. While making his plans for the projection of the new program, he is co-operating fully with Dr. Scarborough in the completion of the old one.

Meet me at Blythe Bathing Beach.

Splawn Discusses the Difficulties of Railroad

Editor's Note.—The article below is one of a series of several articles prepared by Railroad Commissioner Walter Splawn, which Messenger is publishing. Because of the present intense interest of everyone in the railroad situation, we believe the articles will prove timely. Commissioner Splawn is a former Wise county boy, and his standing as an authority on railroad and traffic problems is recognized thru-out the United States.

People came to realize that their great public domain was not limitless. By 1876 attention was called to the fact that all the best land of the state was already reserved or disposed of under the law. Six years later it was found that the state had issued the railroad certificates for eight million acres more than it possessed. When the people heard these statements and when they thought of the tens of thousands of square miles of land that the state had recently owned and when they saw the need of the thousands of miles of railroads as yet unbuilt, they felt that somebody had been unduly prodigal with the public lands.

In 1886 a series of railroad strikes were instituted under the guidance of the Knights of Labor. The great railroad strike of that year originated at Marshall, Texas, on March 2nd. The employees of the carriers became very bitter against some of the roads of Texas, particularly the Gould lines. These employees made demands which today would be considered as conservative. They had the sympathy of large sections of the public thru-out most of the state. This large popular support was no doubt due to no small degree to the assistance and activity of farmer organizations in the state.

The Farmer's Alliance is supposed to have originated in Lampasas county, Texas, in 1878. It was formed in secret societies and spread with amazing rapidity. It was estimated in 1886 that there were about one hundred thousand members of such organizations in Texas alone. The order established a state paper in Dallas and in many counties there were "alliance papers."

These papers together had a very large circulation. They kept the people informed as to the details concerning the incidents of the strike. Moreover, the expressions in the papers were very favorable and sympathetic towards the employees and were often condemnation of the railroads. The farmers met in secret every two weeks and in almost every neighborhood there were members of the alliance. They discussed questions of interest to themselves, among these being details of the strike. A solidarity of opinion was quickly formed. Many people over the state came to feel that the railroads were at fault and responsible for the beginning of the strike and for its continuance. This dissatisfaction began to express itself thru party platforms and in proposed legislation demanding state control of railroads, some going so far as to urge government ownership.

The Farmer's Alliance started a movement for manufacturing in the state. They established several small plants such as cotton gins, compresses

and flour mills. The most of these got into financial difficulties. Their managers charged that they were discriminated against both in the matter of rates and of service. These charges very naturally provoked widespread antagonism.

As early as 1876 Governor Coke in his message to the Texas legislature said "That abuses exist in the operation of some, if not all, of the railroads in Texas is unquestionable; where the remedy is to be found is not quite so clear. The difficulty is one which exists in every state containing lines of railroads and its solution has been the subject of voluminous discussion in many of them. Some of the abuses are remediable by specific statutory legislation, while others have been impossible to reach or provide in that way.

The difficulties surrounding the subject are such as to call for more than ordinary care and a reference to the experience of other states in determining your action. I recommend an examination of the system of Massachusetts, which seems to work satisfactorily. In the state the whole subject under general law is placed in the hands of three commissioners with extensive powers and discretion, whose supervision extends to everything connected with the organization of railroads, operations and the running and management of the roads in which the state or any of the people have an interest. They ferret out abuses where complaints were brought to the notice of the proper authorities of violation of the public or private rights, making regular reports, suggesting legislation, etc. The legislature on this subject while protecting fully the interests of the public, should carefully avoid crippling or interfering with legitimate operations of the corporations." In 1890 James Stephen Hogg in opening his campaign for democratic nomination for governor of the state, voiced the public discontent of the time with railway managements. Among other things, he said: "I promise to show that these railway complaints are levying an unjust tribute by way of unreasonable tariff rates upon the commerce of the state. They are discriminating in favor of outside producers, manufacturers and business men against home people; they men against home people and they will continue to do so unless they are checked by an intelligent commission created and supported by the strong arm of the law."

OWNERS OF CAMPS AT PARK TO MEET

All those owning, or intending to use camp sites at the Joe Wheeler park reunion, August 13th, 14th and 15th, are asked to meet at the park next Friday afternoon and assist in cleaning up and beautifying all camp sites.

This is the most beautiful park in Texas, and it is the desire of the arrangements committee to have the grounds looking their best when the big entertainment opens on the 13th.

Good show at Majestic tonight.

COLLEGE BOOSTERS ENTERTAIN RHOME

All the seats in the auditorium of the school at Rhome were occupied Tuesday night to greet the Decatur chamber of commerce entertainers who went down to render a program in behalf of Decatur College. By the amount of applause received during its progress and the compliments received afterwards, the folks at Rhome were well pleased with the effort. Without exception, each individual participant was accorded hearty encores to which they gave response willingly.

Following is the program given: Musical numbers by the Happy Five Orchestra.

The Program and Its Purpose—M. W. Burch.
Songs by Headache Quartet.
Solo—Cliff Bates.
Music by Home Brew Orchestra.
Piano solo—Mrs. J. M. Crisp.
The Religious Life of Decatur College—Honorable J. V. Patterson.
Violin solo—Miss Stone.
Thoro Class-room Work of the College Students—W. H. Baker.
Reading—Miss Burch.
Music by Headache Quartet.

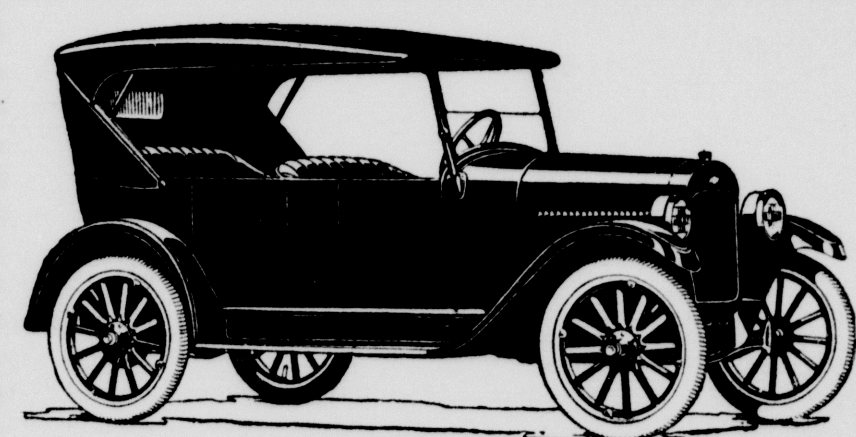
TH' OLE GROUCH

YOU MEASLY TIGHTWAD,
DOLIN' OUT NICKELS 'Y' HER
WIFE ON TH' STREET LIKE
SHE WUZ A POOR RELATION,
WHEN SHE'S DONE AS MUCH
'Y' EARN THAT MONEY AS YOU
HAVE! IF YA WANT 'Y' SEE
TH' MEANEST MAN IN TH'
WORLD, LOOK IN TH'
GLASS!



Out of every consumer dollar paid for meat in successful retail markets seventy-six cents goes to the packer and wholesaler; nineteen cents goes for dealer's expenses; and the five cents remaining represents the profit of the dealer.

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—In 1922 Chevrolet jumped from seventh to second place in sales of all cars and first in sales of fully equipped modern cars. Purchases by farmers were the chief factor in this remarkable development.

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—They find that Chevrolet, fully equipped as sold, is the best value per dollar in the low priced field, and neighbors tell them it costs less per mile to operate.

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Superior Roadster.....\$495
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Superior Com. Chassis.....\$410
Utility Express Chassis.....\$550
Superior Touring.....\$510
Superior Sedan.....\$795
Superior Delivery.....\$510

Zack F. Lillard
Authorized Chevrolet Dealer of Wise County

TIME AND MONEY!

Effective Monday, August 4th, we will add new cars to our Decatur-Fort Worth Auto Stage Line, and fares will be reduced to \$1.00 per trip. On account of this reduction, we will not call for or deliver passengers, but cars will leave and arrive at Hotel Greathouse in Decatur.

Below is the new schedule effective next Monday, August 4th:

LEAVE DECATUR (Hotel Greathouse)	LEAVE FT. WORTH (1608 Main Street)
7:00 a. m.	7:30 a. m.
9:30 a. m.	9:30 a. m.
11:30 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
1:30 p. m.	2:30 p. m.
3:30 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
6:30 p. m.	6:30 p. m.

DECATUR-FORT WORTH STAGE LINE
FRED FREEMAN, Owner

NOTED CATTLEMAN CALLED BY DEATH

H. C. (Court) Babb, seventy-four years of age, former citizen of Decatur, and survivor of the pioneer days of Texas when they were really "the great open spaces where men were men," not knowing what minute might bring death at the hands of savage Indians, died Monday night at his home, Stop Ten, on the Fort Worth-Dallas highway.

He is survived by his wife, one brother, T. A. Babb, of Amarillo, and two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Bell of Greenville and Miss Margie Babb of Fort Worth. Mrs. Babb is a sister of Robert and John Waggoner. Babb, known as "Court" to his friends, was for almost two decades connected with the cattle interests of W. T. Waggoner.

Marauding bands of Indians terrorized remote Texas ranches and even the humblest homes in the sixties, dealing death to many of the families of brave pioneers. The family of John Babb, living on a ranch twelve miles west of Decatur, was the victim of a small band of savages who wreaked their wrath on the family in September, 1866. "The Pioneer History of Wise County," compiled by C. D. Cates, and a copy

of which is owned by Mrs. T. C. McMurray, 1208 Hurley Avenue, gives a vivid account of the attack which resulted in the death of Mrs. Babb, who at the time had an infant daughter in her arms—Margie, who has lived with Babb at his suburban home for some years.

John Babb was in Arkansas attending to business at the time of attack, and "Court," too, was away from home. When the Indians descended on the place they found two children playing in the yard. They were "Dot" a boy of nine, who is T. A. Babb of Amarillo, and Casibianca, called "Bank," a little girl. A widow, a Mrs. Roberts, was making her home with the Babbs. She fled to the attic and hid.

Mrs. Babb, with her baby Margie, was in the house. She held her ground to give battle to the Indians. They cut her throat, and Mrs. Roberts screamed. The Indians found her and saved her because of her beauty. They took the two children out of the yard, kidnapping Mrs. Roberts and rode away, leaving Mrs. Babb dead and her baby crawling in her life's blood.

When a posse from Decatur, which had Dick Couch, Bob Blanton and Sheriff Bob Cates at its head, following a recent massacre at the Russell home, not so far away, and by the same band, reached the Babb home,

the portentous silence almost telling its own story. They found the mother dead and babe dyed in her blood. The infant was transferred to a neighbor's home and the posse hit the trail, bent on wreaking vengeance. But upon the Wichita river their poorly equipped mounts gave out and they were forced to return.

The two captive children, "Dot" and "Bank," remained with the Indians a year, as did Mrs. Roberts. They were finally rescued by white people, who paid ransom in ponies and blankets.

Babb was for years a cowboy and co-worker with W. T. (Tom) Waggoner on properties in Texas and in the Indian Territory. About twenty years ago Babb became connected with the Cattle Raisers Association as an inspector and stayed there for seven or eight years. He retired some years ago and lived at Stop Ten with his wife and sister.

Funeral services for the pioneer cattleman were held on Wednesday morning in Fort Worth, conducted by Rev. McCullough, pastor of the Sycamore Heights Methodist church. The body was brought overland to Decatur and burial was made in the city cemetery.

The many friends of this man in Wise county, will be grieved to learn of his passing. Court Babb had numerous friends; he was one of

the most honorable of men, and he went to his grave loved and respected by hundreds of people in this section of the country.

Fire losses in the United States last year amounted to about \$508,000,000, or a greater total than in any year since the San Francisco fire, said Harry A. Smith, president of the National Board of Underwriters, in a speech at the organization's convention.

TH' OLE GROUCH

GIT AWAY WITH THAT NOISE! YOU MOVED HERE BECUZ THIS WUZ TH' MOST PROGRESSIVE TOWN AROUND. AN' NOW YA KICK AN' VOTE AGIN EV'RY IMPROVMENT BECUZ IT COSTS YA A LIL' MONEY, AN' YOU WITH ENUFF Y' RETIRE ON!



An excellent and valuable pulpwood is being made from the allan-thus tree, known to the Chinese as the "tree of heaven," and imported from China into Pennsylvania and Iceland has decided to return to the primitive life. In an effort to improve the value of the Icelandic crown it has been decided to prohibit the importation of ready-made clothing, shoes, bread, butter, margarine, cheese, salt, fruits, leather and, in fact nearly everything manufactured by civilized man.

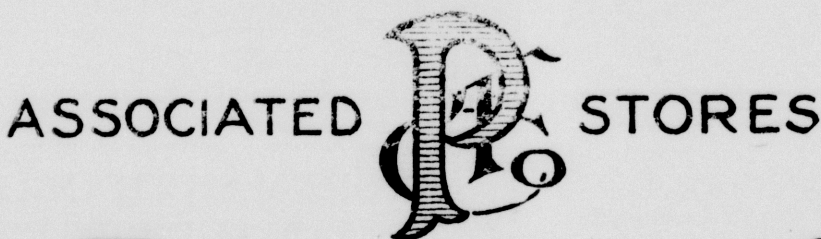
The blue whale sometimes attains ninety feet in length and one hundred forty thousand pounds weight.

Never perform an act, nor make a decision in opposition to what Socrates called his "Daimonion,"—the inner voice that whispers, "Better not!"—Haddock.

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection. That Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and to entertain a brotherly affection and love one for another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large."—A part of Washington's prayer for the United States.



STORE NEWS AT



PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY UNINCORPORATED

¶—The first primary election is a thing of the past. The run-off next month will be the big feature.

¶—Uncle Billie Smith is here from Jacksboro this week. So far we have been unable to get an interview with him, but we feel sure that he will be able to tell us just what the outcome in the run-off will be. Of course you all know Mr. Smith—he is an uncle of Frank Ford; he is the water-melon king of Jack County; he is the weather man of Jack County—in fact, he is an all-round old true southern gentleman, from East Tennessee. He is the oldest man, in point of service, with the Perkins-Timberlake Company Associated Stores. We like him—you will too!

¶—The Decatur College Boosters made a trip to Rhome Tuesday night and reported a large crowd, well met by the loyal supporters of the Decatur College.

¶—Mr. W. M. Love, our County Agent, with a bunch of our club boys, reports a very profitable meeting in the short course down at College Station this week. Stay right in there, boys. We are expecting great things from you one of these days!

Final Wind-Up for Saturday and First Monday

With Old King Cotton on a rampage—up, up, up he goes—remember that cotton cloth must go along with it. Heavy domestics and sheetings have already advanced one cent on the yard. You have only two more days here to buy goods at cheap prices—not cheap goods, but good goods at cheap prices. Our fall lines of merchandise have begun to arrive and we must make a place for them. Please bear in mind that our next big sale will be just six months later—two sales each year—July and January.

\$1.50 ladies' silk hise.....75c
Crepe de chine—all shades.....95c
50c and 65c voiles, three yards.....\$1.00
12 yards dress voiles.....\$1.00
9-4 brown sheeting.....35c
Ladies' slippers—the last call—39c, \$1.95, \$2.95 and \$3.95.
Big sale of remnants for next Saturday here—just half price.
36-inch bleached domestic—no starch in the goods, per yard.....12½c

LADIES' DRESSES—LAST CALL
We only have a few of these dresses left and have placed them in six groups:
Group 1—\$ 2.95 Group 2—\$ 5.95
Group 3—\$ 9.95 Group 4—\$25.00
Group 5—\$17.95 Group 6—\$13.95
Men's and boys' suits are slashed to the very bottom! It's certainly an opportune time to purchase that suit for yourself and your boy.

Choice of any sailor straw hat in entire house only.....\$1.00
\$1.50 overalls, selling for.....95c
\$1.00 Derrick brand work shirts—this is the last call.....75c
50c knit ties for men.....23c
05c four-in-hand ties.....5c
Linen collars for men.....5c
75c silk hose for men—not fiber.....43c
\$2.50 men's caps.....\$1.00
12 yards gingham.....\$1.00



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Friday Morning, August 1, 1924.

Be a good loser.
Oh, the need of a Jim Hogg today!
Mrs. James seems to be a runner.
If any sore-spots were made, forget 'em.

Now for a long, strong pull for the town and county.

And that fellow, Moody. As a clean-up man, he is ready for the big league.

A number of politicians in the amateur ranks were given the surprise of their young political lives.

Those Chicago youths say they killed for fun. A slaughter pen would be an ideal play-ground for them.

Society reports from Washington say the ladies are now purchasing switches to cover their bobbed locks. Score one for the hair factory.

Patch up the differences, boys; let's take the devilish republicans to a cleaning. The fat offices rightfully belong to saintly democrats.

Notice in press despatches where some of those despised rabbis have ordered their female church members to cut out the sleeveless and low-cut dress.

Morris Sheppard appears to have made examples of the gentlemen who were troubled with desires to serve the great state in the United States senate.

You good people who have clamored long and loud for woman's suffrage have an opportunity now to run your batting average well above the record mark.

In all the state wide, don't you know there were election judges and clerks who had rather see Mrs. Jim oppose Mr. Robertson than see Lynch Davidson in the run-off. Don't you know it?

Word comes from England that the American round-the-world flyers are ready to hop off for the home grounds. Too bad, the flyers did not arrive to participate in the glorious battle Saturday.

If Bob La Follette will shoo Wisconsin, Minnesota and one or two other of the rock-ribbed units out of the pub line, the glorious democratic hosts will rise up along about the middle of November and call him blessed.

Hardy Shoemaker of Fort Worth, was here Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral of Court Babb. "We lose one of the old-timers in the death of Mr. Babb, and Decatur lost one of its best friends when he died. He loved the town and its people," said Mr. Shoemaker.

Look at Bill Edwards' vote in the lieutenant-governor's race in Wonderful Wise county. Then recall Barry's sarcastic remarks about what the Messenger told him would happen in said Wonderful County. The Messenger was doing business in these diggings long before Miller appeared in public as a politician looking for a job.

Selection of a successor to Dr. Walter Splawn as state railroad commissioner on the democratic ballot can not be made until after the state-convention meets in Austin September 2nd, according to an opinion of the attorney general's department. The opinion holds that Dr. Splawn can not legally resign the nomination until he has been nominated and that he will not be nominated until the convention meets. This is interpreted to mean that such a vacancy is to be filled by the new democratic state committee rather than the present committee, which will be supplanted by the state convention. Dr. Splawn retires as the railroad commissioner next Thursday. The governor is expected to appoint his successor to serve until January 1st. Dr. Splawn becomes president of the University of Texas September 1st.

That young fellow, Coffee, who was representing Wise county in the legislature, when he made the big oil interests mad by demanding a per cent of their profits for the school interests of Texas, is said to be "marked" for slaughter by the belted bosses in offices in the sky-scrapers in Dallas and Fort Worth. Let 'em "mark" and they can go ahead and prepare the "slaughter pen," but the pee-pul, that contingent in the vineyard who have not waxed fat and sleek on oil, have a say-so. Remember this.

Wise County's Roads.

Viewed from every angle and in the soberest state of mind, the outstanding need of importance in Wise county is the construction of a hard-surfaced system of roads of enough mileage to provide an outlet for the traffic and products of the larger communities.

One of the important, if not the most important, interstate highways of the southwest, threads thru the central portion of the county, touching at the towns of Rhome, Decatur and Alvord. Big central consuming city markets lie on both terminals of this route. The communities lying along this highway enjoying all its transit facilities have already been vastly benefitted and improved by that service. New farming industries have been created and stimulated to the resultant profit of the people, but as yet only a beginning has been made. What wiser or more profitable investment could be made than that of tying the remainder of the county communities on to the facilities offered by this big thoroughfare by building good roads to it from such communities?

Wise county has to prosper as a whole if the county prospers to the fullest degree. The trading territory of all towns overlaps the territory of others and it is the concern of all to promote and contribute to the highest degree of advantage possible to farming industry of the whole.

Farmers have made a good start in the production and merchandising of a new manner of farm stuff that is of a nature perishable and therefore requisite of the quickest and most efficient transportation possible to the markets when it is once made ready. Good, hard, smooth roads are the one available agency for the bringing of these goods into quick contact with the points of consumption.

It can not be gainsaid that the production of dairy and poultry supplies, and fruits and vegetables in lesser quantities, have proven a mainstay in the face of failure of the staple industries of cotton and grain farming. The fact is notable and acknowledged to the extent of universal pride-taking in the accomplishment. When good roads which reach into every community have pioneered the way to the fullest development of these industries, the county as a whole will then have that progress that distinctly should make it one of the richest regions in the southwest.

But not only in the agricultural industry is the county being fettered by the unimproved condition of its roadways, for educational stride is being held at the minimum and religious endeavor also. School opportunities, the consolidations of weak schools, widely scattered churches and irregular church service and attendance are being provoked by the precarious condition of the rural roads.

But in the face of the many substantial rewards available to our county and realizable to us from the agency of good roads, it is said that, compared to situation in the counties that surround Wise, with a possible exception, Wise county is worse off than any of these neighboring counties. This fact alone is sufficient to weaken and drain us of many of our trade resources and to afflict other injuries that are of big consequence when properly estimated in the scale of values.

The road situation in Wise county is altogether too unsatisfactory to be neglected and left as it is by a thinking and intelligent people, and it is to be hoped that before long definite action will be taken to bring about the much needed and desired improvement.

The world spends two hundred million dollars a year for matches, seven for each person being the daily average.

ROGERS DEFEATED FOLLOWING A SPECTACULAR CAMPAIGN FOR SENATE



A. D. ROGERS.

Reports from San Antonio say that A. D. Rogers, candidate for senator from the "Alamo District," has been defeated by a close margin, following one of the most interesting campaigns ever staged in that city. Rogers, brilliant, and a master in political debate, had been thrilling crowds in the Alamo city during the campaign by his ready wit and oratory, and it was thought that he would sweep the district in the election Saturday. A peculiar turn in the final count put over Rogers' opponent, so the reports say. Rumor says the correctness of the count is being questioned by Rogers' friends.

WORKMAN THANKS MANY SUPPORTERS

I take this method of thanking my friends and supporters for their interest and assistance in electing me to the second term as sheriff. I have tried to do my duty without fear or favor, and will continue in this line, hoping to have the assistance of good, law-abiding citizens of the county. Again, I thank you for your splendid vote and support.—W. M. Workman.

COMMISSIONERS IN COUNTY TO BE NEW

A majority of the commissioners' court will be new members. Luther Hartsell, from the Bridgeport precinct, is returned, but reports say Commissioner Hanna of Alvord has been defeated by Dick Robertson and Commissioner Quint Woody of the Boyd precinct will be succeeded by T. F. Petty. The next court will be composed of Judge Sam Ward, Henry Walker, Dick Robertson, T. F. Petty and Luther Hartsell.

COFFEE IS LEADING SENATORIAL RACE

Late reports from over the senatorial district say Coffee is leading the field by over thirteen hundred votes, with Jack county yet to hear from.

It is confidently believed that the Wise county man will go into the second primary with a fifteen hundred lead over his opponent.

What Causes Kidney Trouble?

It is a well known fact that most kidney sufferers are also constipated or at least do not eliminate properly. The food wastes stick to the sides of the colon and become hardened. Uric poison is absorbed by the blood and the kidneys are over-worked trying to get rid of it, and soon break down and become diseased.

A physician discovered a preparation known as FERRASAL, which dissolves the food wastes in the colon and eliminates accumulated poisons. It also aids digestion and the proper assimilation of the food and keeps the kidneys regular. FERRASAL is absolutely harmless, containing no habit forming drugs.

Take FERRASAL night and morning for a month. It will benefit you or your druggist will refund your money.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor R. E. Bell will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Members of the congregation will be glad to be back together again after being scattered for a time attending revival meetings.

There will be baptizing at the close of the evening service.

A good attendance will be expected at all the services next Sunday.—R. E. Bell, Pastor.

Our annual freight bill on lumber is \$250,000,000.

The poet laureate of England gets a yearly salary of three hundred sixty dollars.

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FARMERS

YOU SHOULD KEEP A BANK ACCOUNT!

Farmers, as a rule, keep no accounts or books. Their bank deposit books afford them a complete record of cash receipts, while the stubs of their check book are a perfect record of expenses and payments. Your returned checks are the best receipts in the world, because the person receiving them must endorse it and, being returned to you by the bank, they can be preserved.

Money deposited in a bank is not so easily "fooled away" as when carried around in one's pocket.

Try the experiment for one year of keeping a bank account and see if it does not pay you.

We are desirous of having farmers' accounts, tho small, for in this locality where mixed farming is preached and practiced, their accounts are sure to grow larger.

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Decatur, Texas.

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Co-operation and standing by their town and county's big, progressive enterprises instills pride and pep in the people, and big results accrue for the whole community. In boosting your home enterprises, you encourage thrift, and thrift builds towns

Order---
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Flour

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S. A. LILLARD, President

PRIMARY BRINGS OUT HEAVY VOTE

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put on a friendly contest, but they and their friends were on the job early and late during closing days of the campaign. It was announced that Davenport got by with a small majority.

Henry Walker, first time out in the political arena, defeated Commissioner Tom St. Clair by a substantial vote. Mr. Walker made a close canvass of the precinct, and he carried the endorsement of the farm labor union.

In this issue of the Messenger will be found the unofficial returns, taken from tickets checked from the tabulated returns from the several voting boxes. There may be errors in the figures given in the table, but no changes will be made in the final results by the official returns, which will be released by the executive committee next Saturday.

In the "big top," or state races, the contests for the governorship drew capacity houses, and long before the polls closed on Saturday afternoon, predictions were rife and a few wagers were laid that one of the Davidsons would be in the run-off with Robertson, the klan candidate. Mrs. Ferguson was given third or fourth place by the "wise ones." Late reports from over the state announce Mrs. Ferguson running second, with Lynch Davidson a close-up third.

In the attorney general's race, Dan Moody of Williamson county, who was outspoken in his opposition to the klan, reciting his record as a prosecution in his home county of klan law violators in all his public speeches, ran away from the field, polling almost a majority over his three opponents.

Late returns indicate Barry Miller will lead W. C. Edwards of Denton by a small majority, less than one thousand votes. Miller carried the endorsement of the farm labor union political convention, which met in Dallas a short time before the primary election, but the vote received by the prominent politician indicates that he failed to realize on the vote of the farmers. Edwards cut this vote in the farming districts of the state, and it is shown that Miller got his heavy vote in the large cities.

Whit Davidson will carry Wise county, according to the unofficial returns published in today's issue of the Messenger, with Felix D. Robertson, the klan candidate, running a close second. Lynch Davidson ran a good third, and Mrs. Ferguson failed to poll her husband's "regular" vote in the county.

Edwards beat Barry Miller in the county to a frazzle, polling more than two to one against the Dallas judge. The Denton man polled a larger vote than any state candidate in a contested race.

Moody for attorney general, ran ahead of his field in this county, polling 1,439, against 964 for Ward, next high man.

Speer for railroad commissioner, carried the county by a good vote, but returns from over the state indicate he has been defeated, and will not be in the run-off.

No tabulated returns in United States senator race are given, as the reporters from the different boxes in the county failed to keep a record of the vote. All verbal reports say Morris Sheppard swept the county, carrying most all the boxes by substantial majorities.

METHODIST CHURCH

I am sure that everyone that attended our revival was blessed in the wonderful services we had. Brother Wallace endeared himself to the people of Decatur by his message, and no doubt all would be glad to see him return here at some future date to hold a meeting for us. There were thirty-five conversions and twenty-six united with the church. Our church was blessed in many ways; names were added to the membership of the church that will mean a great deal to us.

We want to make next Sunday count; some who did not unite with the church during the meeting will do so next Sunday. If you are thinking of joining the church, come next Sunday and we shall give you a most cordial reception into our fellowship.

We will have the evening service under the tabernacle. It is our idea to make the evening services evangelistic. The singing will be good, the tabernacle is cool and the christian fellowship splendid. Come and spend one hour with us Sunday evening. Come thou with us and we will not only do thee good, but try to give you something to do.—W. Harrison Baker, Pastor.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our deepest appreciation of the many kindnesses and thanks for the floral offerings to the people of Allison community at the death of J. F. Markham.—H. G. Knight and wife, and D. Knight and wife.

See Norma Talmadge at Majestic tonight.

MERCHANTS HERE TO DECORATE CITY

Patriotic to the heel's tip and full of pride for the town and community, Decatur merchants and bankers have arranged to have Old Glory to wave during the coming reunion from the majority of the business fronts of the town. Contracting with the Shenandoah Flag and Decorating Company of Shenandoah, Iowa, near fifty big four-by-six United States flags flying from staffs twelve feet high, will be placed at intervals of about a twenty-five foot average about the square and on side streets.

The plan represents the newest of all schemes of town decoration and it is known as the "American Flag Outfit," that is being adopted as both expedient and economical by most of the progressive towns of the country. Holes for the flag staffs are being drilled in the concrete of the side-walks at the outer edge, and when once ready and the flags received, the town may be decorated in five minutes and as quickly the flags may be dismantled. These flags will be of permanent use on all future occasions when Decatur is called on to dress up. Much money has been lost to the local merchants by having decoration spoiled by rain, and the adoption of the new plan will prevent all this, while at the same time it will add glowing aspects of beauty to the town.

Interesting Figures.

A census always brings many curious facts to light. For example, altho we think of the United States as a growing country, it is a fact that one-third of the counties in the land—more than a thousand all told—actually lost population between the years 1910 and 1920. Arizona and Connecticut are the only states that contain none of these dwindling communities. The movement is not the abandonment of worn-out or inhospitable soil; on a map where the counties that lost population are indicated by shading the darkest spot is a belt that extends two or three hundred miles east and west of St. Louis and nearly as far north. If there is any better farming land in the United States, we do not know where to find it, nor that darkest spot is in the Corn Belt.

But it is also a zone of great cities, and other great cities lie on the borders of it within easy reach. The people are continuing to leave the farm for the city, where they can find employment less arduous than the farm offers and at high and generally increasing wages. The war accelerated the movement, for there were then unusual opportunities and extraordinary wages to be had in the cities. The tide has probably slackened of late, but it has not turned.

Another interesting fact that the statistics prove is the northward drift of the negro. In every northern state between Nebraska and Massachusetts except the Dakotas, the increase of negro population was greater in proportion than the increase of white population. In the south the contrary was the fact, and in several states the negro population actually diminished. That, too, is probably owing to the disarrangements that the war brought about and to the attractive opportunities that war work offered to the negro labor. At the same time it is said that in all the northern states negro deaths outnumbered negro births. The upper tier of states has not the climate in which the African thrives best.

By way of testing the extent to which the modern economic freedom of women has affected the tendency of them to marry, the returns of 1920 have been compared with those of two colonial censuses of New Hampshire—1767 and 1773—in which the number of single women was taken and reported. There are at least one million more unmarried white women in the country today than there would have been if the proportion of them to the white population were what it was in New Hampshire one hundred and fifty years ago.

Finally, the census figures seem to show that the pure Indian population is decreasing steadily, the intermarriage with the white race is frequent and the number of people with Indian blood in their veins is larger than ever before. If this tendency continues, as it probably will, it will not be long before the aboriginal race is completely amalgamated with the white population.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank and express our appreciation to the many good friends for their expressions of sympathy and devoted attendance to our dear husband and son in his recent illness and death, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.—Mrs. Charles Nash, Dr. S. P. Nash.

RHEUMATISM

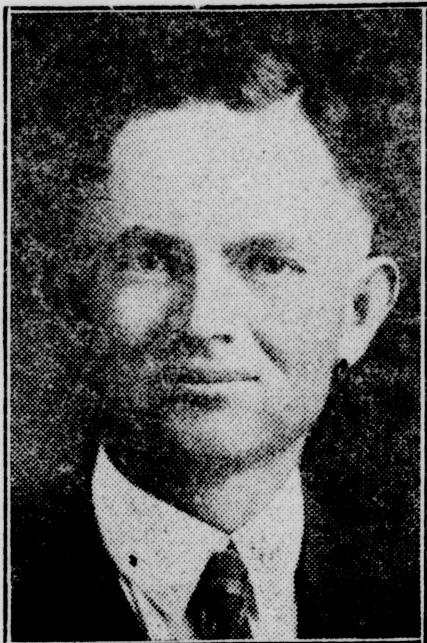
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BIG RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN SPLAWN

The friends and acquaintances of Walter M. W. Splawn, newly elected president of State University, and all well-wishers of Decatur College, in both town and community, are very cordially urged to attend a reception which will be held in honor of Dr. Splawn on the campus of Decatur College tonight (Friday), the program to commence at eight-thirty o'clock. The committee of arrangements, actively headed by Dr. S. J. Petty, has prepared a program which will consist of a number of musical selections directed by Mrs. S. Terrell Lillard, a few brief addresses and the serving of light refreshments. To Mrs. J. V. Patterson, president of the civic league, and a committee of the league, has been assigned the duties of administering hospitalities. Mack W. Burch, chairman of the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce, will preside at the meeting.



Dr. Splawn is expected to arrive on the north bound Denver train at eight-sixteen p. m., and will address the meeting.

The following will deliver brief addresses on the subjects indicated: M. W. Burch—"Walter Splawn." C. T. Gittys—"Decatur College as a Factor in the Development of the Sons and Daughters of Wise County." W. C. Shults—"Dr. Splawn's Elevation the Crowning Glory of the Decatur Baptist College."

Rev. R. E. Bell—"Education Is in Reach of Every Girl and Boy Who Wants It."

Dr. J. L. Ward—"The Part that Dr. Splawn's Parents Have Played in His Career."

It is hoped that there will be a generous attendance of the citizens.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our gratefulness to our dear friends, who were so kind in our recent sorrow.—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Askey, Miss Ellen Askey.

MANY COUNTIES TO SHOW AT T-O FAIR

Wichita Falls, Texas.—Practically all of the northwest Texas counties will have exhibits at the Texas-Oklahoma fair, September 29th to 5th, inclusive, according to Guy R. Jones, director of agriculture, Texas-Oklahoma fair.

Southern Oklahoma counties are expected to be real contenders for the sixteen hundred dollars in prizes being offered by the fair association for the county exhibits.

MEDICAL JOURNAL LAUDS PHYSICIANS

The eighty-seventh semi-annual meeting of the North Texas Medical Association, which was held at Decatur, Texas, on June 24th and 25th, was a most enjoyable meeting. The scientific program was carried out as announced, with few exceptions, some of the essayists not being able to attend. Liberal discussions were had on all these papers and everyone seemed to appreciate them.

The Wise County Medical Association left nothing undone to entertain the visiting doctors. The barbecue held at Lake Decatur on Thursday evening will long be remembered by those present as one of the most enjoyable occasions of their lives. The latch string (so to speak) of Decatur hung on the outside to the many visitors and they were expected to make their wants known and everybody did his best to supply them free of charge. The members of the local profession are to be congratulated on the splendid way in which they cared for the association, and they deserve the thanks of the entire membership.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Dallas in the Month of December. Announcements of the date will be made in due time.—Dallas Medical Journal.

CITY POLL TAX NOT LEVIED ON WOMEN

Austin, Texas.—Failure of a man to pay a city poll tax does not deny him the right to vote at an election in such cities where a city poll tax is levied, and as far as the women are concerned, there is no law to require them to pay a city poll tax, held the attorney general's department in an opinion written by the assistant attorney general, W. W. Caves to State Comptroller Lon A. Smith.

The opinion pointed out that under article 927 of the revised statutes of 1911, certain cities and towns are authorized to levy and to collect an annual poll tax not to go over one dollar of every male inhabitant of such city.

More than one-third of the world's turpentine is produced in the United States.

COMPLETE FIGURES GIVEN BY ST. CLAIR

Final estimate of costs for the building of the Meridian highway thru Wise county have been worked out and courteously submitted for the uses of the chamber of commerce by Commissioner T. L. St. Clair, as follows:

Total cost, \$355,028.23. This fund was derived from the sale of the district bonds, federal and state aid, accrued interest, and so forth. There being forty-two miles of the road, the average cost per mile approximates \$8453.05. The average contract per mile basis, however, of the south end was eleven thousand dollars, due to the higher cost of the materials and labor obtaining during the after-the-war period of construction, continual weather disturbances and a law suit which involved an outlay of about thirty-five hundred dollars previous to the date of Mr. St. Clair's assumption of the office. Built into this splendid road are over one hundred concrete culverts. The road averages a width of sixteen feet of gravel surface on a bed twenty-four feet wide, twenty-two miles in the stretch north from Decatur and twenty south.

The road was finally completed at about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when the finishing touches of gravel were put on near Alvord. Next week District Engineer Peabody will come from Fort Worth to give an inspection to the work preliminary to a decision as to whether the road will be accepted by the state highway commission. If the work meets with the approval of the engineer, the state will take over the control and maintenance under provisions identical with those operating on the south end.

Not in a quarter of a century has any enterprise affected and influenced a change in the direction of progress in the degree that the building of a great highway thru the county has accomplished.

In the rural sections of America—notably the east and south—the age for the average physician ranges from fifty years upward while almost no young men are coming in to take the places of those who are passing away.

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REVIVAL IS GREAT HELP TO DECATUR

The revival meeting which had been in progress for two weeks at the First Methodist church, closed on last Sunday night at the tabernacle, just east of the church, where the services had been held. A very uplifting and reviving influence was felt from the revival that will long live in the community. Good crowds were in attendance all during the meeting, and on several occasions some were turned away.

The preaching of the meeting was done by Rev. W. H. Wallace of Denison. His messages were very forceful and plain-spoken, and the eloquence with which he delivered them was impressive to the people of this community. He spoke straight-forwardly in defiance of sin in all its forms, and his exhortations to all his hearers to repent were honest and logical.

The singing of the meeting was under the direction of the pastor of the church, Rev. W. Harrison Baker, and all the congregations of the city heartily co-operated in the renditions by the choir under his leadership. The music all during the meeting was spirited and well rendered.

According to the pastor of the church, there were thirty-five conversions during the services, and twenty-six additions to the Methodist church at Decatur.

Experiments made in France, with the object of determining whether light or heat is the determining factor in the reddening of cherries, indicates that light exerts no direct action upon the process of turning red; heat alone counts in the matter.

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Forty-Two Club.

Miss Buna Robinson entertained the Forty-Two Club at La Josephine Wednesday afternoon. There were four tables and a spirited game was enjoyed. High score for the visitors was made by Miss Myra Montgomery and for members, Mrs. B. A. Man.

A beautiful and refreshing ice course was served to the following: Mmes. B. A. Man, Roy Robinson, Archie Hoyle, G. D. McAdams, Lawrence Boyd and A. S. Martin; and Misses Merle Smith, Frances Roberts, Iris Brown, Jackie Gose, Mary V. Provence, Hazel Burnett, Mattie Baits, Myra Montgomery and Johnnie Provence.

Contest Ends.

The Epworth League has been in a campaign for other workers for the past month, enlisted on the gold and white sides, these being the league colors. The contest closed on last Sunday night when the last of the services for young people was held by Brother Bill Wallace; the white side won by seven points. The gold side will entertain the whites as enthusiastically as they worked against them, next Saturday night at the reunion grounds. They will leave the Methodist church at six-thirty, where cars will be ready for the transportation of all. All who have cars that may be used, bring them with you.

Epworth League service will be on Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

Y. L. M. S.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday evening at seven-thirty, in the home of Mrs. F. M. Kenny, with Ruth Hoyle as hostess.

Devotional was led by Mrs. Kenny and as the president and vice-president were absent, she presided over the business meeting. Several things that had been tabled in the last meeting were reported and voted on.

The new business taken up was a plan introduced by one of the girls to give a trip around the world. The proceeds of this to be used to pay part of the missionary pledge and for some charity activities. The society pays its year's pledge to missions by the pledges of its members and uses money made in this way for charities, but the funds were low when the opportunities came, and a part of the pledge money used. The plan is to start from the United States on trains and ships, provided for the tourists and make a twenty-minute visit to the following countries: Mexico, Japan, Italy, Africa, Holland, Scotland, Ireland and Iceland. Programs of local talent and in keeping with the country visited, together with refreshments, will furnish entertainment at the different stops. This will be given August 26th; tickets will be on sale later, and further information given.

A delicious frozen salad course was served to the following: Misses Edna Mae Boyd, Helen Hoyle, Myra Montgomery, Mary McCarter, Jane Hoyle, Flossie Montgomery, Helen Hoyle, Wilma Ball, Margaret McCaskey, Fay Ball and Mrs. F. M. Kenny.

Workman-Sanders

Dr. C. N. Workman and Miss Esther Sanders were married Monday evening at eight-thirty o'clock at the home of J. H. Middleton at Willow Point, Rev. R. E. Bell, pastor of the First Baptist church in Decatur, officiating.

The contracting parties in this happy event are two of the most popular citizens of the Willow Point community, and their friends are legion. Dr. Workman has for many years been one of that neighborhood's most substantial and beloved physicians; a man of high honor and christian ideals, deservedly popular with the people he has lived and labored among so long. The bride whose heart and hand have been won by Dr. Workman, is a charming lady, possessing a christian character and sweet disposition. Messenger joins the many friends of this happy couple in wishing them a long, long journey down the stream of life.

Here is health, wealth and happiness to you, Doctor, and you, Mrs. Workman.

Announcements.

Tuesday night, August 5th, will be the regular session night of the Eastern Star. The contest is running at present and all members are urged to support their respective sides.

The following program will be given, with Mrs. T. G. Rogers as leader:

Vocal duet—Mmes. R. C. Heathington and Lois Batdorff.
Piano solo—Mrs. Malvin Crisp.
Reading—Mrs. W. H. Rice.
Piano solo—Mrs. Terrell Lillard.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Some gorgeous color
when I'm sad
Can usually dispel
my gloom.
A blue bowl filled
with oranges
Is just like
music in
a room.
R. M. CANN



Brown-Christian.

E. B. Brown and Miss Alma Christian were quietly married in the Christian home Thursday, July 24th, with Rev. R. E. Bell officiating with the ring ceremony.

During the pre-nuptial musicale, Miss Frances Roberts sang "All for You" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Misses Mattie Baits and Artie Mae Floyd. Misses Baits and Floyd also played the Lohengrin wedding march for the processional and "The Venetian Love Song" while the ceremony was taking place.

The room was decorated in a profusion of ferns, English ivy and cut flowers. The door thru which the bridal party entered was made into a beautiful archway by the trailing vines and flowers.

Miss Annie Plaxco, maid of honor, and Ray Christian, best man, came in first. Miss Plaxco wore a pink crepe gown with accessories of same color and wore corsage bouquet of sweet peas.

Miss Christian wore a blue tailored suit with hat of the same color and carried a bride's bouquet of white rosebuds.

The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for a visit to Yellowstone National Park. They will be at home the first of September in Greenwood.

The bride is one of Decatur's most lovable young women, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Christian. She finished Decatur Baptist College and Baylor University, and for the last few years had been a member of the faculty of the Decatur high school. In her leaving Decatur we lose one of our best friends and citizens.

Mr. Brown lives in the Greenwood community; he is one of Wise county's most prosperous cattlemen and farmers. He has always been the best of citizens, and has a number of friends in Greenwood and Decatur.

The out-of-town guests were Miss Annie Plaxco and David Harvy of Dallas, Mrs. Muncy and son of Fort Worth, Mrs. Rudd and Miss Ethel Wade of Greenwood, Misses Virginia and Ann Bobo of Rhome and Mrs. Dewey Ellis of Wichita Falls.

The Messenger joins the many friends of this couple in wishing them the very best that life has in store.

Mrs. Ratliff Entertains.

Mrs. Dennis Ratliff entertained on Wednesday, July 23rd, at her home with a bridge party honoring Miss Thelma Petty of Decatur. A most delightful time was spent at bridge. Miss Thelma Petty won high score for girls and also received guest prize, Miss Martha Barnum receiving low; Wallace Cox won high score for men and Mr. Trice low.

The hostess served a salad and ice course to the following: Misses Lois Earnest, Marylee Pinkerton, Eunice Huckabee, Thelma Petty; Messrs. Oscar Oates, Gaines Post, Richard Sherrill, Bert Welch, Wallace Cox and Mr. Trice.

After the bridge party the girls remained for the night and enjoyed a delightful slumber party.—Wichita Daily Times.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

It hurts my conscience
to be rich—
We're really all of
equal rank,
And some folks starve
while here am I
Just hoarding pennies
in my bank.
R. M. CANN



L. A. L. Club.

The members of the L. A. L. Club were delightfully entertained in the home of their president, Miss Linnie Blewett, Wednesday evening. Games and diversions furnished amusement and later iced fruit punch and cream was served to those present: Mmes. S. L. Hardwick, R. C. Heathington; Misses Bill and Inez Reeves, Annie Rhine, Iris Brown, Annie Workman, and the club's mascot, Frank Dixon Hardwick.

Girls' Auxiliary.

The Girls' Auxiliary met at the home of the leader, Mrs. Jack Walker, Tuesday, July 29th. Those present were: Elmer Vernice Clark, Jewel Ray Fox, Mildred Dillehay, Clara Mae Reeves, Jewel Reeves and Alma Wilkerson.

Several new members were among those present. They were Mary Jones, Edna Richter, Nadine Weaver, Vera Spencer, Mary McCracken, Veneta Neil Clark, Mable Ruth Owens and sister.

McGlasson-Fowler.

The marriage of Horace McGlasson and Lola Bell Fowler of this city took place Thursday evening at seven o'clock at the home of A. C. Bennett. Rev. W. Harrison Baker, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated with the ring ceremony.

The bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Mary Frances Bennett. Miss Bennett also played "Traumerei" during the ceremony.

The bride was accompanied by the maid of honor, Miss Ona B. McGlasson and the groom by his best man, William H. Bennett.

The stairway and hall thru which the bridal party entered to the altar and the living room were decorated beautifully with ferns and cut flowers. An improvised altar was made of tall baskets of flowers and banked ferns.

The bride wore a delicate shade of pink georgette, with accessories of same color. She carried a bride's bouquet of pink and white sweet peas and rosebuds. The maid of honor wore a tan georgette and lace and corsage bouquet.

A three course dinner was served immediately following the ceremony, to the guests, with a table of honor for the brides' party.

Miss Fowler is the daughter of Mrs. Wiley Fowler, and is one of the capable young business women of Decatur. For the last year she has been in the employ of Dr. D. H. Payne and M. P. Mask and has given the citizens of this city efficient service. She is a girl of winning personality and always met the world with her smile.

Mr. McGlasson has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gilbert up until the last few years, when he has been employed elsewhere. Last year he entered the employ of A. C. Bennett and is now one of Wise county's most prosperous young farmers. He is an energetic young fellow and is sure to succeed in life.

The Messenger joins the friends of these young people in congratulating them upon this happy occasion.

In 1922 forest fires destroyed the equivalent of a ten-mile stretch extending from New York City to Denver.

A memorial window designed especially in honor of Joseph Jefferson, the actor, will soon be placed in a wall on the sunny side of "The Little Church Around the Corner" in New York City.

TH' OLE GROUCH

YESSIR, I'M GONNA HAVE
THIS SPOTLIGHT PUT ON
MY CAR AN' TH' NEXT GUY
WHO PASSES ME AT NIGHT
WITHOUT DIMMIN' HIS
LIGHTS IS GONNA GIT
BLINDED GOOD AN'
PLENTY!



POSTAL EMPLOYEES HAVE GOOD MEET

Probably the largest number of postal employees ever gathered in Wise county assembled at the Methodist tabernacle to hear Congressman Guinn Williams last Monday night. There were present seven postmasters, four clerks, twenty-three rural carriers of Wise county and five mail carriers from other counties. Most of the employees brought their wives and families, and including visitors, we had a crowd estimated at about one hundred and fifty persons. Postmaster Charles E. Bradford presided at the meeting, which was a success in every particular.

Carrier McKinney, a live wire for the R. L. C. A. of Wichita county, from Iowa Park, was present, as well as our esteemed brother carriers McConnell and Brashear of Sunset and two new carriers for the association, Shan and Wambler, of Vineyard, Jack county.

The Home Brew Orchestra furnished excellent music and after the singing of "America," Brother W. Harrison Baker opened the meeting with a short and appreciative prayer. Congressman Williams made us an excellent talk—not a flowery speech, but a plain business explanation of the conditions that exist. Refreshments, consisting of lemonade, ice cream, cakes and sandwiches were served by the postal employees of Decatur.

A resolution was offered highly commending Leroy N. Nichols, the carrier on route six, for the interest he has shown in the welfare of the carriers, and for his work for the R. L. C. A., and he was recommended to the state association as Wise county's choice for delegate to the national association which meets at St. Paul, Minnesota, in September.

We want to thank each of these:

1. Congressman Williams for his interest shown in the welfare of the postal employees.
2. The Home Brew Orchestra for its splendid music.
3. The Methodist people for the use of their piano, and the comfortable tabernacle.
4. The Empire Drug Company, for furnishing the ice cream at wholesale cost.
5. And especially do we thank Mrs. Madden for donating the work of making the sandwiches, and from the complimentary remarks made about them, we can heartily recommend her boarding house to the hungry public.—Committee.

To us, free and untrammelled tho't is the acme of life, the supreme tho't that is coming to man.

TH' OLE GROUCH

BY GOSH, SOME FOLKS
AROUND HERE LET THEIR
KIDS RUN WILD DAY AN'
NIGHT AN' THEN EXPECT
SYMPATHY IF TH' KIDS
GIT INTO TROUBLE!

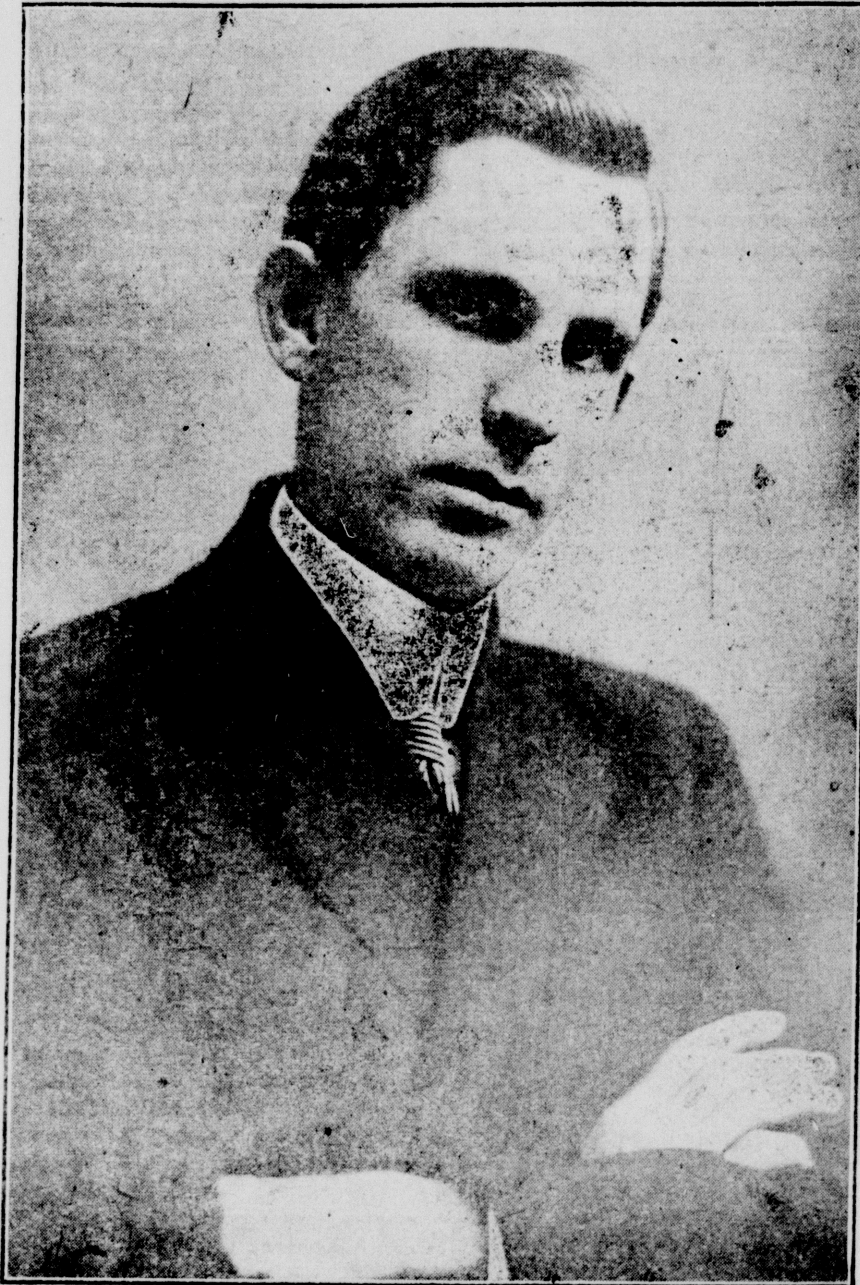


CHARLES J. GUTHRIE

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Every fire
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The Home Brew Orchestra
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the light and hazard
INSURE TODAY

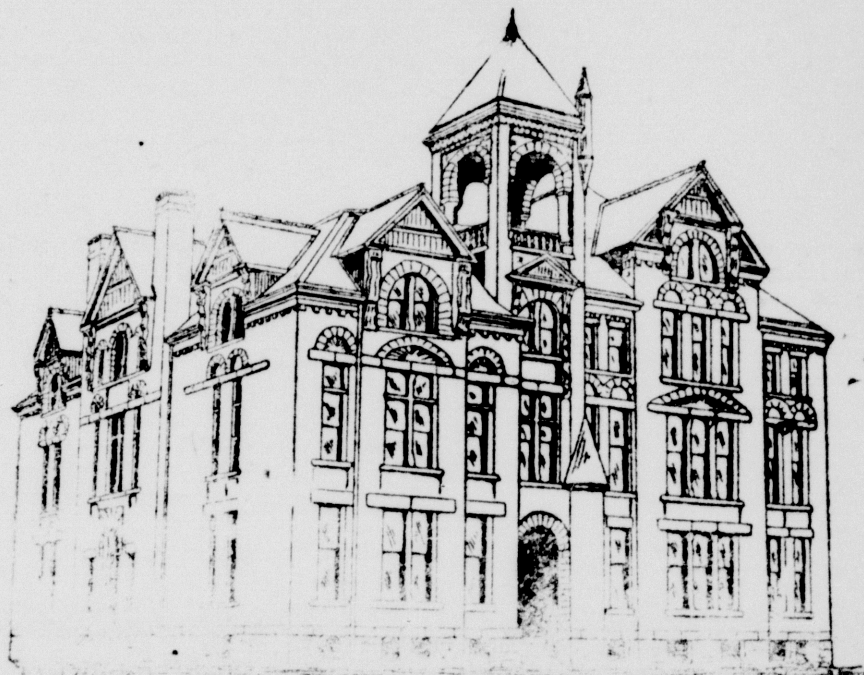
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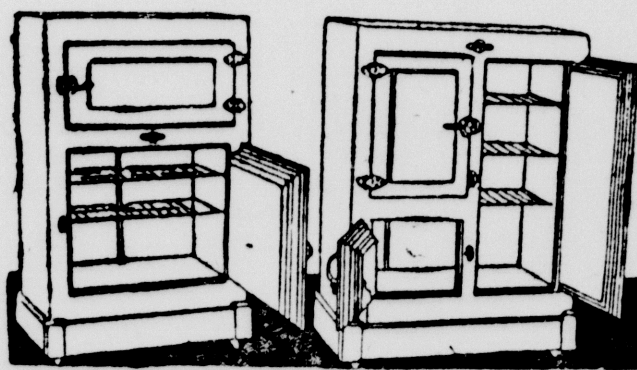
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BOYD NEWS

Miss Bonnie Jones visited Mrs. J. D. Stepp of Fort Worth several days last week.

The crops in this county need rain very badly. It has been real dry and hot for the last few weeks.

Mrs. John King left Monday for Fort Worth to visit her daughter, Mrs. Henry Turpin, who is very ill.

Mrs. Fred Standley of Hobart, Oklahoma, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Redford, for several days.

Mrs. John Montgomery and Mrs. J. D. Stepp from Fort Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gooch Monday and Tuesday.

Brother J. L. Ward filled his regular appointment Sunday and Mrs. Ward accompanied him and spent the day with Mrs. Redford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Radliff from Fort Worth, visited friends and relatives here several days before going home. Mr. Radliff was very ill, but is much better now.

PLANTING SHRUBS AND TREES TO BEAUTIFY HOME GROUNDS.

Every home should be tied to the earth by means of shrubbery, trees, flowers and grass. The house itself is only the background of the picture. To complete the painting and make the picture a real one, the proper planting of the ground is just as necessary as paint is to artists when putting it on a canvas.

Those who plant trees and shrubbery and beautify their home grounds are public benefactors, because such beauty can not be hid from the public but is open and free for everyone to view as often as they wish. For that reason, persons who plant trees and shrubbery and change the home from a bare, unattractive place to one of beauty, is in every sense of the word, a public benefactor.

Every person who improves his home grounds with trees, shrubbery, flowers and grass influences others to do likewise. There is something about it that is catching. When a neighbor sees his friend re-make the appearance of his home by properly planting the grounds, it automatically creates a desire on his part to improve his own grounds. It is like the snowball that is started down the hill—the farther it goes, the bigger it gets. Therefore, let those who improve and plant the home grounds do the best job possible, not only for his own sake, but for the effect it will have on others doing this kind of work.

Shrubbery should be, as a general rule, planted up close to the foundation of the house, particularly in the front and around the two sides. By planting it next to the foundation, it has the effect of tying the house to the ground, giving the house the appearance of being part of the picture. Never plant shrubbery in straight lines. Put in masses or clumps and in irregular shapes. Try to approach nature's method of planting as nearly as possible. Straight lines of shrubbery can not best serve the purpose of beautifying the grounds and therefore should never be planted in this way.

Neither should individual specimens of shrubbery be planted about the grounds. Remember that it is best to always have it in masses. Do not plant it in the middle of the grounds, but up next to the foundation of the building, near the border of the lawn, in the angles created by the walks and driveways, and near trees. These general principles ought to be kept in mind in locating your shrubbery on the home grounds, because one can make the place appear rather odd by improperly locating the shrubbery.

As a general rule, trees should not be planted directly in front of the house, but to either side and in the rear. If the grounds are large, the trees should be planted in groups, rather than singly. Of course they should not be planted too close together, as sufficient room should be allowed for their complete develop-

AURORA NEWS

B. W. Carlton of Denton, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Chambers.

Miss Minnie Lee Wilmoth was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Slimp.

Mrs. B. O. Stephens and children of Fort Worth, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Layfield and little daughter, Allan, have moved into our midst and we are very glad to welcome them.

Mrs. J. D. Burch left Wednesday for her home in Fort Worth, after a two weeks' visit with her son, J. D. Burch, and family.

Rev. W. A. Binyon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Rhome, was the guest of a number of his parishioners and friends.

T. W. Brown and family of Wichita Falls, and Albert Brown and family of Oklahoma, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown this week.

Miss Corinne Reid left Saturday for the short course at the A. & M. College. Miss Reid won the free trip given by the Decatur chamber of commerce, by winning first place in the second year clothing contest.

Little Miss Marie Chambers celebrated her fifth birthday with a party for her little friends at her home Monday afternoon. Cake and ice cream were served after the youngsters had romped and played for a time.

ment. Under no condition should the trees be planted in straight lines. To plant them thus gives a stiff, unnatural effect that is not beautiful or pleasing to the eye.

The rose beds and flower beds have no place on the front lawn. Leave this space open, in order that a good view may be had from the front of the house. Also the front of the yard should be largely free from trees and shrubbery so as to give the grass every chance possible for developing a smooth lawn. Roses should be part of the plantings in every home place, but they should be to the side or the rear and never in front. This is also true of other flowers, such as canna beds, rows of peonies, dahlias, etc. This is the general principle with reference to flowers that should always be kept in mind, because the very appearance of the place can be very easily ruined by putting them in the front.

Before planting shrubbery and trees, the ground should be thoroughly sterilized and enriched. This is especially important for the foundation plantings up next to the house. A good plan is to spade up twelve to sixteen inches deep with a spading fork. When trees and shrubbery are set, mulch with a heavy coating of stable manure. This will both supply plant food and conserve moisture.

The position of the second leading port in the United States, formerly held by New Orleans, passed to the city of Galveston, according to the figures for 1923, furnished by the department of commerce, bureau of foreign and domestic trade. Galveston ranks next to New York in both exports and imports, according to values. The value of the imports passing thru Galveston in 1923 was \$32,962,189, while the value of the exports was \$539,539,863, making a total of foreign trade \$562,502,043.

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DOUGLASVILLE

Bill Phillips is visiting relatives here this week.

Henry Byrom is now visiting his son, T. E. Byrom.

Richard Byrom was a guest of Warner Ford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norman visited relatives near Dido Sunday.

Miss Eber Stockton is visiting relatives in east Texas this week.

Ned Richardson of Oklahoma, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. T. A. Brown and mother visited sick relatives at Peñon Sunday.

Misses Ima Ford and Ruth Norman were visitors of Ruth Brown on Sunday.

Tommy Harwell, who has been working in Rhome, is now taking a vacation.

J. E. Norman and H. S. Ford were visitors in Haslett and Rhome last Tuesday.

Messrs. Bert Smith and Walter Looney attended the show at Boyd Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Looney and daughter, Inez, spent Monday in Rhome with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dacus and daughter were guests of Clarence Boyd and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Byrom and Mrs. W. A. Lisby spent last week with relatives in Oklahoma.

Miss Marie Pruitt and sisters returned home Saturday after a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Since the close of the world war, fifty thousand ex-service men and women have been completely brought back to economic usefulness thru the work of the United States Veterans' Bureau, it was stated in information given out by H. N. Doughty, sub-district employment officer of this bureau. Of this number only about two per cent are unemployed. The bureau has in training now about sixty-five thousand men and women and are rehabilitating them at the rate of three thousand a month. The only problem remaining with these is to see that they are suitably given employment, he said.

Business failures in the United States fell off 14.5 per cent in 1923, Bradstreet's reported. The number of failures last year was 19,163, as against 22,415 for 1922, the greatest decrease being in the south. New England, the middle Atlantic and central states also showed decreases, but the west and northwest states recorded more failures than in 1922.

LONE STAR NEWS

W. M. Mowery was in Decatur on Tuesday.

Most farmers are enjoying the cool shades now.

Mrs. Lee Newton spent Monday with Mrs. Clyde Rawle.

Jess Harris and family of Wichita Falls, visited relatives here on last week-end.

Mrs. Charlie Rawle of Valley View, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Clyde Rawle of this place.

Miss Lena Reed of Wichita Falls, is visiting her cousin, Miss Beulah Wallace, this week.

We are certainly glad to report that Miss Gladys Leslie is back at home and getting along nicely.

There was preaching here Sunday and Sunday night by Brother Amys of Decatur, with a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Denney of Wichita Falls, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Thomas, Mrs. Thomas returning home with them Sunday.

Roman messengers speeding to the ends of the empire, changed tired horses for fresh ones at relay stations on the roads to Britain, Gaul, Germania and Spain. These stations were called "postal," "postage," and "post-office."

With the Fundamentalists and the Modernists explaining things to each other, it's getting to be more interesting to go to church than to stay at home and read the newspapers.

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Iceland has decided to return to the primitive life. In an effort to improve the value of the Icelandic crown it has been decided to prohibit the importation of ready-made clothing, shoes, bread, butter, margarine, cheese, salt, fruits, leather and, in fact nearly everything manufactured by civilized man.

Come to Blythe Bathing Beach when you wish to become refreshed and want to forget your worries. A good swim is promised you, with all comforts and conveniences provided.

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Ladies' bloomers, 85c value.	49c	Ladies' house aprons, sale price.	84c
Ladies' \$1.75 sateen petticoats.	\$1.19	Ladies' \$10.00 silk dresses.	\$4.95
Men's work shoes, \$3.00 values.	\$1.95	Ladies' canton crepe dresses, \$15.00 value sale price.	\$9.85
Men's blue work shirts, \$1.00 value, sale price.	65c	Ladies' \$7.50 patent leather slippers, sale price.	\$3.95
Men's sox.	9c	Ladies' suede slippers, \$6.50 values, sale price.	\$3.95
Men's dress shirts, \$1.50 value.	95c	Ladies' satin slippers, \$8.50 values, sale price.	\$4.95
Men's dress shoes, \$6.00 value.	\$2.95		
Oil cloth, three yards for.	\$1.00		
Checked gingham, per yard.	10c		

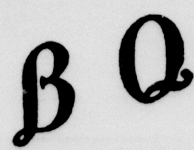
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